

Though the legislators may be well intentioned this is one of the situations that they are proposing regulations that in many cases may very likely create the exact opposite effect than desired.

By making the precipitation rate lower means the spray stream has to be smaller. In many cases and especially on large scale situations the smaller stream can be impacted by wind and thus much of the water can be blown away before reaching its target. Obviously more water will be needed to be used to get adequate water to the roots of the plants.

In other situations such as a large turf field where runoff is not an issue it may make more sense to put water on fast and heavy so as the water can percolate into the ground before evaporating.

The next impacted scenario is that the sprinklers will then have to run longer (since they are putting out less water) to get adequate saturation to the desired root depth. In a project with many valves there may not be time to run all the valves especially in a situation where there are many different conditions and the valves has been set to water the different zones.

This type of decision should be left to the experts in the field and not needlessly and erroneously legislated.



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